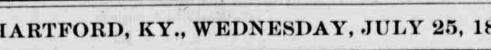


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IN THE SOUTH---OLD KATE BATTS' AWFUL SPELL.

History of the Famous Bell Witch and Its Tragic Persecution of an Entire Family in Tennessee.

Here is almost the strangest story now published for the first time. In whole house was ransacked, turned upits day it was the sensation of two side down, but in vain. The noises became so unendurable States. People of eminence and repuwent miles to investigate it. The fame bors, a brother Baptist, Mr. Johnson, of it spread throughout the South. The hoping that his powerful prayers might witcheraft was wrought by something send away the witch. Mr. Johnson outside human ken-something which came and prayed, but did not conquer. had power to take any shape it pleased, He was hardly snug in bed when whiff! to change from one to another in the went sheets, counterpane, pillows and twinkling of an eye; that spoke and bolster.

fought, raced and ran. It all happened seventy-five years festations, the Cock Lane ghost and by raps and knocks. But soon it made to-night." the Rochester knockings, no explanaa flicted shank from publicity, regarding what they called always "our family trouble " For their own protection, exact statement of all its wonderful cided that it was better left unpublished so long as any of the original suffer-

The last of them died a year or two ago, and now the history has been made public in a most interesting and

well-illustrated book. M. V. Ingram, of Clarksville, Tenn., is the complier, and responsible author of the book. By his permission a synopsis of the story has been obtained. Jack Bell to death, It is the most pitiful recital-bald and dripping unctuous humor. The Witch the Bell Witch, to give the full name, style and title-was a creature of infi-The central figure, John Bell, was an were less forbearing. Thereafter the conest, God-fearing planter in Robert- witch was known as Kate or Old Kate, son county, Tenn., notably thrifty, in- and held more than ever in awe.

telligent and upright. He had land-a It was certainly a most astonishing thousand acres slaves and stock, His goblin. It could quote Scripture in a wife was a pattern of all the Christian way to astound the most learned minis- there came upon him a seizure so vio- of Green county, an acquaintance of could help it, but the Supreme Court virtues. There were five sons and two ter. No transgression could be hidden from it. It searched out the most se-

side of it. Ostensibly the woman's bus had returned and had fared badly, and never wake again." She had given the iness was to buy wool, flax, butter and thus heralded his return befor the fam- dying man a dose from a dark vial in calves away to deliver to Potter, but eggs. But it was whispered that she went abroad that she might beg a brass pin of whomever she met. If she got miles away, to the parson himself as he pin of whomever she met. If she got miles away, to the parson himself as he was drawn over a cat's tongue. Within farmer Johnson deliver the five small, was drawn over a cat's tongue.

it, the giver was thereafter always sub-She was wonderfully pious in spite of bald, howled, sang and swore; and, stupor, breathing heavily. The scent her witchery. Though she got to worse still, became a fearful toper, fill- of the stuff in the bottle was distinchurch late so late the sermon was ing the room with her tipsy breath.

It was this woman's familiar which the there were four. Black Dog, Cypocry-flame. The next morning Bell died. Bell Witch proclaimed itself to be. phy, Mathematics and Jerusalam. Up The Witch kept silence until the clods The tortured family, though, gave the to this time the voice had been feminproclamation neither credence nor cur- inc. Now Black Dog spoke in a high, rency. They had come out from North harsh key, withal feminine; Mathemat-Carolina to Tennessee in 1804. It was ics and Cypocryphy had softer feminin the summer of 1817 that anything ine voices; Jerusalem the rough unusual first made itself manifest. changing pipe of a boy. All were ri Then John Bell, the father, met a strange bald and furiously intemperate. Many dog, shot at it and saw it vanish, changing times doors and windows had to stand its shape as it went. One of his sons had the same experience with what had seemed to him a wild turkey. Dean,

Thus it happened that the Bell house

Here was sensation with a vengeance

heard throughout the room.

the negro wagoner, reported that a black witch-dog had chased him to his younger usughter, a girl of fourteen, saw girl a little in light-green garments to greet her, but found an apparition, swinging under the limbs of a great already a lover, as was fit and proper Betsy came out to see the phenomenon. for a tail, pretty girl with eyes blue as Mr. Porter came up with his gun and fired at the log behind which the and the finest yellow bair. He had been her schoolmate at Mr. Powell's night at Mrs. Bell's the witch Black academy, and, next to herself, was the Dog complained that Porter's bullet

had broken Jerusalem's leg! derness, the same entreaty; "Don't, ketch de fier in he eye," they said. please don't, marry Joshua Gardner. neighborhood escaped her visitation.

with two heads instead of the single one it had worn at first. Then Dean's wife

clur ter de tail ef you doan' git out my way.' But sho's you bawn I 'menced

ined her said she was in perfect health. kicked out, an' bole my foots felled off Her father had even more mysterious | kerflop in de road."

ailments. His tongue would seem to Dean declared in a most convincing swell, until speech or swallowing was manner the witches had turned him alike impossible. It was, he said, as temporarily into a mule.

his mouth. By and by the swelling hear was Gen. Andrew Jackson, not turned to a series of spasmodic twitch- yet President. His home, The Hermitings of the whole body. For more age, was some forty miles from the than a year the witch showed itself only Bell house. He came with a party at intervals in the form of a hare, very among whom was a famous witch docold and thin and lame, or a black dog tor. He boasted that within three A CHAPTER OF MYSTERY or a big strange bird. But every days he would unravel the mystery by ORIGINAL AMOUNT, \$45,00 night, as soon as lights were out, there means of a silver bullet and two inches began a carnival of noises-knockings, of a black cat's tail. It was the tip of scratchings, gnawings, the sound of what had once been a witch cat. He ever written a tragedy of witcheraft be- heavy chains dragged over bare floors. had but to tickle his nose with it to yould anything in the annals of Salem. Investigation showed nothing. The make the whole invisible world plain to a century. It is the "Jarndyce vs. do the rest.

Presently the party came to a halt. tation, Andrew Jackson among them, that Mr. Bell called in one of his neigh- The road was dry and firm. The team heirs of Anneke Jans would be happy mysterious fashion the wagon was in the Jones county calf case. was thronged every night by watchers. et: "Yes, General, it is the witch. You have been in the habit of seeing here

articulate speech, at first low and faltion has ever been given of it. Those tering, but strengthening until it was said that he would soon unearth the im- calf case," and arithmetical geniuses What follows only the book can ade- gusted aside: "I wish the thing involved accounts and gone driveling quately tell. The witch gave a hun- would make mince-meat of the braghowever, one of the sons wrote down an dred accounts of itself. It was an In- gart. I know he's an arrant coward." As if in answer the witch called out: its results. dian spirit whose bones had been dismanifestations. A family council de- turbed; a child done to death in North "Here I am, General, ready for business!" Then to the witch doctor: taken pains to gather at first hand from Carolina, and haunting the Bells for vengeance; an early settler who had "Now, Mr. Smarty, here I am! Shoot the plaintiff, who is now the victorious buried gold and silver under a big rock away!"

near the Bell spring, and sought to In spite of the cat's tail the seer saw from other quarters, the facts of this have it exhumed and given to Betsy not. Instead, he felt a rain of blows singular story, nowset forth to the pub-Bell; then it was the spirit of an evil that sent him howling and scuttling lie for the first time. There is no stepmother; at last, when questioned aroom the room. Gen. Jackson laugh. stranger chapter in the annals of Amerby a minister and taxed with lying, it ed, rolled on the ground and swore; ican law. The plaintiff himself writes admitted itself to be "Old Kate Batts's "By the eternal, boys, this is better me: "Some of the best farmers in Jones witch," and that it meant to worry old than fighting the British! I never had county lost all their property long ago so much fun in my life." Round and in lawing this case. Then their childround, out of doors, up the lane went ren and friends took it up and fought severe as a Greek tradition, yet at times Old Kate Batts, she of the riding skirt, the seer, the witch still pelting him un- it as long as they could. It is still was known to have had a slight disa- til he howled aloud. Presently the un- slive!" And it has long since passed greement with Mr. Bell. Neither he seen voice called: "General, is that from the condition of a neighborhood nor his family, though, took the witch's fun enough for to-night? I will come scandal to the magnificent proportions nite jest, and more infinite malignity. statement for truth. Their neighbors to-morrow, and show you another ras- of a national curiosity. cal in your crowd."

One morning in early fall, when Mr. This is how it came about: Robert

Then the witch became profane and ri- sharp convulsions. Mr. Bell lay in guishable in his breath. The vial and Soon there was another strange delits contents were thrown in the fire, velopment. In place of one witch where they blazed up into sulphurous were falling over him. Those nearest the grave heard high in air the weird voice singing:

Row me up some brandy, O! Row! row! row! row!

For three weeks the spirit lingered wide to escape the stench they made. mild and harmless. Then it left, but They were forever quarrelling in tipsy promised to return each seven years Betsy paid a visit to her sister, who came earlier. After a year Betsy had married Bennett Porter. One day plighted herself to Joshus Gardner. It wife's house. Last of all, Betsy, the Mrs. Porter went out to greet a neigh- was at a fishing party upon Red River, bor coming up the lane. She went out just beyond her home. Soon a monster fish began to play pranks with the who was joined by two younger women lines and poles. It dragged several inand a boy. All four at once bent down to the stream and made the other fish saplings, and rode them as children do. leap so high every one knew some unusual thing was happening. As Betsy sat with her lover on the bank, the old ery sounded in her ear, "Please, please, witches had sheltered themselves. That Betsy, don't marry Joshua Gardner. Betsy broke the engagement at once. After a time she married Schoolmaster Powell, whom the negroes had all along suspected of bringing on the trouble trated malignity against Mr. Bell. For with that end in view. "Dat dar Betsy there was the same petulant ten- Marse Powell, he strak de flint an'

These marvelous stories of the Bell Wherever she moved, there the witch Witch are still current in Robertson followed. Few households in the county, Tenn., which was populated, as was the Blue Grass region of Kentucky, Dean, the negro wagoner, reported with emigrant yeomanry and gentry some wonderful experiences. When from Virginia and the Carolinas, They the black dog took to following him devoutly believe all that is here set so. If she were left undisturbed, she home he cleft its head with the axe he down and much more besides. Now always carried. The axe sunk out of for amlost three generations the Bell sight in the ground. The next night Witch has been a most fascinating histhe black dog was as chipper as ever, tory and mystery. Stories are current

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A NEW STAGE

though a stick had been set crosswise in In the throngs who came to see and Twenty Years of Suits---Costs and Judgments now Amount to \$30,000, and the End not in Sight.

"Jones county calf case" will vex the souls of coming Blackstones for his eye. Then the silver bullet would Jarndyce" of America, and by comparison with it the Myra Clarke Gaines case pales its ineffectual fires. The had not been over-driven, yet in some could they divide the mere court costs stuck fast. In vain the driver lashed and map of Iowa has been devastated by this swore; in vain men tugged at the wheels. insidious litigation, and Horace Boies At last Old Hickory threw up his hands, and other boys have grown to be men exclaiming: "By the eternal, boys, it's and lawyers, too, since it began its inthe witch! Nothing else!" At once a festive career. For a score of years metallic voice called from a near thick- the readers of American newspapers back. Unlike those other noted mani- At first the witch answered questions may go on now. I will see you again and there at sporadic intervals and in unlooked-for connections mysterious allusions to the great "Jones county posture. Gen. Jackson said, in a dis- have ever and anon blanched before its to lunatic asylums after vainly attempt ing to compute its costs and ascertain

Exaggeration? By no means. I have party: from Jones county officials and

Bell went out, his shoes were snatched Johnson, an Ohio boy, of Virginia from his feet as fast as they were tied stock, went to farming in 1858 in Jones on. He was beaten and twisted until county, Iowa. In 1874 farmer Potter, lent that when at last he got home he Johnson, came to Johnson and said he wouldn't reverse the judgment. had to take to his bed. He was never wanted to buy some calves. A man farmer Johnson deliver the five small, once more appealed to the Supreme dark calves to drover Potter. When Court of Iowa, where the case is now farmer Foreman missed his calves he followed drover Potter to Greene comcounty and demanded from Johnson

Johnson then tried to find the mys- "as office boy to an attorney's firm" Hours." The trough did double serterious villain Smith, intending, no when the case began, is now a mossdoubt, to make Smith give him (John- grown limb of the law. son) a note for \$45, but Smith had vanished. Determined to have satisfaction he knows of. "The costs," he says, "That's just the place," said Walter SUMMER EXCURSION Greene county, and, on being shown trial Judges who have heard the case at at noon." by Potter the calves which farmer Foreman had claimed as his missing proper- Two of the defendants, the anti-horse to the "hotel," where he rubbed soft ty, swore that he (Johnson) had never thieves, viz., E. V. and Abe Miller, are soap around his neck and washed it off sold those calves to Potter and that he dead. And the calf case is still very in the horse trough, and then scated would not pay the \$45 note he had given much alive.

Mr. Foreman then concluded that it was time for him to take another hand in the game. He was fairly pining for the excitement of a lawsuit. He sent word to Potter that if he (Potter) did not institute criminal proceedings against Johnson, he (viz., Foreman), would invoke the majesty of the criminal law against him (Potter). So Potter went all the way to Jones county ter went all the way to Jones county again, joined the Anti-Horse Thief Association and succeeded in having the unfortunate Johnson indicted for the larceny of \$45 worth of calves. The mysterious villain named Smith still from the point of interest is poor or December, 1874. Now comes fun.

Witch has been a most fascinating history and mystery. Stories are current there of its reappearance as late as 1866.

dictment was found and a change of the press associations. It was a twelve-thousand-word story, most care-there of its reappearance as late as 1866. made him a witch ball of fox-fire wrapped with her own hair.

The next time the witch met him she demanded it upon pain of turning him to a horse which she would ride over the river to the still-house, "Den," said Dean, "I say: 'I ain't gwine gin you my ball. I gwine split you open clur ter de tail ef you doan' git out my way.' But she's you may ball. I gwine split you open clur ter de tail ef you doan' git out my may.' But she's you may ball. I gwine split you open clur ter de tail ef you doan' git out my may.' But she's you may ball. I gwine split you open clur ter de tail ef you doan' git out my may.' But she's you may ball. I gwine split you open clur ter de tail ef you doan' git out my may.' But she's you may ball. I gwine split you open clur ter de tail ef you doan' git out my may.' But she's you have a sale by way.' But she's you doan' git out my may a sale by way and the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Foreman claimed from potter trial ceremony. It was divided into sections, and Johnson was acquitted, farmer each of which was lettered. The introductions, and Johnson was acquitted, farmer each of which was lettered. The introductions, and Johnson was acquitted, farmer each of which was lettered. The introductions, and Johnson was acquitted, farmer each of which was lettered. The introductions, and Johnson was acquitted, farmer each of which was lettered. The introductions, and Johnson was acquitted, farmer each of which was lettered. The introductions, and Johnson was acquitted, farmer each of which was lettered. The introductions, and Johnson was acquitted, farmer each of which was lettered. The introductions, and Johnson was acquitted, farmer each of which was lettered. The introductions, and Johnson was acquitted, farmer each of which was lettered. The introductions, and Johnson was acquitted, farmer each of which was lettered. The introductions, and Johnson was intended from Potter were not the calves Johnson that umatances agree to do.

prominent members of the Anti-Horse necessary change was made in the com-

STORY OF WITCHCRAFT came out of it as one waking from re-suppin' else say 'I lebel him down.' CELEBRATED CALF CASE was rendered in Johnson's favor, but the Judge, probably hating to see a leading calf case spoiled, as it were, set IOWA'S LEGAL COMEDY NOW IN the verdict aside. The defendants were anti-horse thieves, as follows: E. V. Miller, David Fall, John Foreman, Abe Miller, Harmon Kellar and S. D. Potter. They were real glad, the Judge felt, that he had charged the jury wrong. When there was another trial, the jury disagreed.

All hands now voted for a change of venue, and more juries and more trials. So they moved the Jones county calf case to the town of Clinton, in Clinton county, Iows, and lo! the jury assessed \$7,500 damages in Johnson's favor. The Clinton County Judge pondered awhile and finally concluded that the verdict of the jury should have been against only six of the seven anti-horse thieves, as there was no evidence against the seventh. Harmon Kellar. So away went the verdict, and everybody said: "Set 'em up again!"

The Jones county calf case was now moved to Blackhawk county, Iowa. Judge Bagg got hold of the case, and when the jury found a verdict of \$5,000 in Johnson's favor, he (Bagg) promptly overruled a motion for a new trial and entered judgments against the six

The Supreme Court of Iowa now more than \$10,000 when the calf case begun, was now (1888) almost a pauper. and the costs taxed in court, independent of enormous attorneys' fees and expenses, were \$3,336.42. Seventy witnesses were held for 11 days in the town of Blackhawk, and the hotel had such a boom that it declared a quarterly dividend before the case was half other verdict for Johnson, who had be-

night" in Waterloo soon afterward, for it was formally announced that the Jones county calf case was to be tried all over again. Mr. Johnson got another verdict for \$1,000, and the six anti-horse thieves again appealed to the pay \$7,000 worth of court costs if they known, many railroad coaches will be

he had had. Judge Linehan overruled the motion of the six anti-horse thieves, but they were not disconcerted by a little thing like that, and they

The plaintiff has paid out \$4,800 that guests of the "hotel." one time or another, two are dead." He carried out his programme,

This line of "faking" is followed

frequently when the telegraph service emained in abeyance. This was in when there is danger of storms cripiling the telegraph wires. Probably the most elaborate "fake" on record was The indictment was quashed in May, the story of the inauguration of Presi-1875. In December, 1875, a new inand the jury stood 11 to 1 for acquitting gramme laid out for the inauguration morning of March 4, and it was put in "Heighbo," said farmer Johnson to type in newspaper offices in all parts of himself, after hearing farmer Onstott the country before noon. During the testify, "let us have more law." So he day, whenever there was a departure began an action for \$10,000 damages in from the programme, a correction was Anamoss, Linn county, against seven sent out by the press association, and the

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## Baking **ABSOLUTELY PURE**

last correction had been made and the last speech inserted in its proper place; and within half an hour newspapers with complete stories of the inaugura tion were selling on the streets of the leading cities in the country. If the press association had waited until the different features of the inauguration had been displayed before writing about them, its report would not have been completed before nine or ten o'clock at night, and the afternoon papers would have had a very brie

and unsatisfactory story of the event. Ayer's Hair Vigor has no equal in merit and efficiency as a hair dressing and for the prevention of baldness. It eradicates dandruff, keeps the scalp took a hack at the Jones county calf moist, clean and healthy, and gives case and reversed this judgment on ap- vitality and color to weak, faded and peal. Johnson, who had been worth gray hair. The most popular of toilet

Fire-Proof Lumber

A Chicago man has invented a chem ical solution, by which he claums wood can be rendered fire-proof. If saturated in this solution, he maintains that it is impossible for a piece of lumber to burn, even if it should be soaked in over. There was another trial and an- coal oil. The wood or inflammable material of which houses are constructcome so used to getting verdicts that he ed is first immersed in the solution of was almost reconciled to not getting chemicals for a period of twenty-four anything else. The Supreme Court hours. The lumber is thus claimed to had become quite interested in the be fire-proof and will burn no more Jones county calf case, by this time, than a piece of iron or stone. By means however, and it promptly set the verdict of the chemicals, the wood becomes so dense that heat will decompose it by charring only, but will not cause any flame. The substance produces an inert gas, which prevents combustion. By this scientific process of making wood poninflammable, the inventor believes that thousands of fires may be prevented. He also thinks that Supreme Court. They didn't want to after the invention is thoroughly

built of wood so prepared. GUARANTEED CURE. daughters.

The witch's human exponent was a neighbor, in almost the same social grade as her victims—a big woman, strident and coarse. She went through the country daily, walking in front of her old gray horse, with a copperas homespun riding skirt flung over her arm. A negro girl led the horse, and two \*maller negroes walked on either the site of the same social grade as her victims—a big woman, strident and coarse. She went through the country daily, walking in front of homespun riding skirt flung over her arm. A negro girl led the horse, and two \*maller negroes walked on either the site of the site of the same social grade as her victims—a big woman, strident and coarse. She went through the country daily, walking in front of her old gray horse, with a copperas the most second them may be a size of the size of the same social grade as her victims—a big woman, strident and coarse. She went through the country daily, walking in front of her old gray horse, with a copperas to church, and later, when the air above him, that at last died to buy some calves. A man outdoors again. His seizure had been named Smith, a stranger thereabouts, accompanied by demoniac singing in the air above him, that at last died to be a stranger thereabouts, accompanied by demoniac singing in the air above him, that at last died to be a stranger thereabouts, accompanied by demoniac singing in the air above him, that at last died to be a stranger thereabouts, accompanied by demoniac singing in the air above him, that at last died to be a stranger thereabouts, accompanied by demoniac singing in the air above him, that at last died to be a stranger thereabouts, accompanied by demoniac singing in the air above him, that at last died to be accompanied by demoniac singing in the air above him, that at last died to be accompanied by demoniac singing in the air above him, that at last died to be accompanied by demoniac singing in the air above him singing in the air above him ship the country demonstration. The witch was nearly accompanied by on. It never disappoints. Trial bottles free at the drug stores of Williams & Bell, Hartford; and R. T. Taylor, Jr., Beaver Dam. Large size 50c and \$1.00.

A Hot Meal.

ty, Iows, and found his missing property in Potter's herd. Potter said he had bought from Johnson the calves, which Foreman now identified as his back a part of the comfortable little own. So Foreman went back to Jones fortune he has blown in on the \$45 the dinner hour. A few days ago he county and demanded from Johnson the value of his missing calves, which Johnson, though an innocent man, heard its merits. Governor Horace at day's fishing, and, as he started out at day's fishing, and, as he started out at daybreak, he saw a little wayside gave to Foreman in the shape of a note Boise was one of the lawyers, and shanty, in front of which stood a horse Counselor C. E. Wheeler, who began trough and a sign: "Hot Meals at All vice as a drinking place for tired and dusty horses and a lavatory for the

omehow, Johnson, who was then only "which stood against the defendants to himself. "I'll fish up stream, and 30 odd years of age, took a jaunt out to ran up to some \$30,000. Of the eight then down again, so that I'll reach here

> himself at the wooden table. An old Missourian sat smoking in one corner,

"Thar she is. Crackers an' pepper



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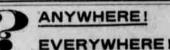
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